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## Senate negotiators announce a deal on guns, breaking logjam

By ALAN FRAM

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Senate bargainers announced a bipartisan framework Sunday responding to last month's mass shootings, a noteworthy though limited breakthrough offering modest gun curbs and bolstered efforts to improve school safety and mental health programs. The proposal falls far short of tougher steps long sought by President Joe Biden and many Democrats. Even so, the accord was embraced by Biden and enactment would signal a significant turnaround after years of gun massacres that have yielded little but stalemate in Congress. Biden said in a statement that the framework "does not do everything that I think is needed, but it re-

flects important steps in the right direction, and would be the most significant gun safety legislation to pass Congress in decades."

Given the bipartisan support, "there are no excuses for delay, and no reason why it should not quickly move through the Senate and the House," he said. Leaders hope to push any agreement into law rapidly — they hope this month — before the political momentum fades that has been stirred by the recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas.

Participants cautioned that final details and legislative language remain to be completed, meaning fresh disputes and delays might emerge.

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Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., speaks during a rally near Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, June 10, 2022, urging Congress to pass gun legislation.

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In a consequential development, 20 senators, including 10 Republicans, released a statement calling for passage. That is potentially crucial because the biggest obstacle to enacting the measure is probably in the 50-50 Senate, where at least 10 GOP votes will be needed to attain the usual 60-vote threshold for approval.

"Families are scared, and it is our duty to come together and get something done that will help restore their sense of safety and security in their communities," the lawmakers said. The group, led by Sens. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., John Cornyn, R-Texas, Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Krysten Sinema, D-Ariz., produced the agreement after two weeks of closed-door talks.

The compromise would make the juvenile records



Demonstrators calling for gun control march across the Brooklyn Bridge, Saturday, June 11, 2022, in New York.

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of gun buyers under age 21 available when they undergo background checks. The suspects who killed 10 Black people at a grocery store in Buffalo and 19 students and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde were both 18, and many perpetrators of recent years' mass shootings have been young.

The agreement would offer

money to states to enact and put in place "red flag" laws that make it easier to temporarily take guns from people considered potentially violent, plus funds to bolster school safety and mental health programs. Some people who informally sell guns for profit would be required to obtain federal dealers' licenses, which means they would have

to conduct background checks of buyers. Convicted domestic abusers who do not live with a former partner, such as estranged ex-boyfriends, would be barred from buying firearms, and it would be a crime for a person to legally purchase a weapon for someone who would not qualify for ownership.

Congressional aides said billions of dollars would be spent expanding the number of community mental health centers and suicide prevention programs. But they said some spending decisions are unresolved, as are final wording on juvenile records and other gun provisions that might prove contentious.

Yet underscoring election-year pressures from Buffalo and Uvalde, the parties' shared desire to demonstrate a response to those shootings suggested momentum toward enactment was strong.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called the accord "a good first step to ending the persistent inaction to the gun violence epidemic" and said he would bring the completed measure to a vote as soon as possible.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has supported the talks, was more restrained. He praised the bargainers' work and said he is hoping for a deal that makes "significant headway on key issues like mental health and school safety, respects the Second Amendment, earns broad support in the Senate, and makes a difference for our country."

The agreement was quickly endorsed by groups that support gun restrictions including Brady, Everytown for Gun Safety and March for Our Lives, which organized rallies held around the country on Saturday.

The National Rifle Association said in a statement that it opposes gun control and infringing on people's "fundamental right to protect themselves and their loved ones," but supports strengthening school security, mental health and law enforcement. The group has long exerted its sway with millions of firearms-

owning voters to derail gun control drives in Congress. The agreement represents a lowest common denominator compromise on gun violence, not a complete sea change in Congress. Lawmakers have demonstrated a newfound desire to move ahead after saying their constituents have shown a heightened desire for congressional action since Buffalo and Uvalde, but Republicans still oppose more sweeping steps that Democrats want and Sunday's agreement omits. These include banning assault-style firearms such as the AR-15 style rifles used in Buffalo and Uvalde, or raising the legal age for buying them. AR-15s are popular and powerful semi-automatic weapons that can fire high-capacity magazines and have been used in many of the nation's highest-profile slaughters in recent years. One of them, the killing of 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, occurred six years ago Sunday.

Democrats have also wanted to ban high capacity magazines and to expand required background checks to far more gun purchases. None of those proposals has a chance in Congress.

Highlighting that, the Democratic-controlled House approved sweeping bills this past week barring sales of semiautomatic weapons to people under age 21 and large-capacity magazines, and giving federal courts the power to rule when local authorities want to remove guns from people considered dangerous. Currently, only 19 states and the District of Columbia have red-flag laws. Those measures will go nowhere in the Senate, where Republicans can block them.

The last major firearms restrictions enacted by lawmakers was the 1994 assault weapons ban, which Congress let expire 10 years later.

For years, congressional Republicans representing rural, pro-gun voters have blocked robust restrictions on firearms purchases, citing the Constitution's Second Amendment. □



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## Brookings president resigns amid FBI foreign lobbying probe

By ALAN SUDERMAN and  
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Associated Press

The president of the Brookings Institution resigned Sunday amid a federal investigation into whether he illegally lobbied on behalf of the wealthy Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

Retired Gen. John Allen wrote in a letter to the think tank that he was leaving with a "heavy heart" but did not offer a direct explanation.

"I know it is best for all concerned in this moment," Allen's letter said.

A retired four-star Marine general who led U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Allen's announcement came less than a week after the Associated Press was first to report on new court filings that showed the FBI had seized Allen's electronic data as part of the lobbying probe. Allen has not been charged with any crimes and, through a spokesman, has denied any wrongdoing.

Brookings, which had put Allen on administrative leave the day after the AP's initial report, issued a statement thanking Allen for guiding the think tank through the coronavirus pandemic and other con-



In this Feb. 25, 2015, file photo, retired Gen. John Allen testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to examine the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

Associated Press

tributions. The institution said information about the search for a new president would be forthcoming. The new court filings detail Allen's behind-the-scenes efforts to help Qatar influence U.S. policy in June 2017 when a diplomatic crisis erupted between the

gas-rich Persian Gulf monarchy and its neighbors. An FBI agent said in an affidavit in support of a search warrant there was "substantial evidence" that Allen had knowingly broken a foreign lobbying law, and had made false statements and withheld "incriminating" documents.

Allen's alleged lobbying work involved traveling to Qatar and meeting with the country's top officials to offer them advice on how to influence U.S. policy, as well as promoting Qatar's point of view to top White House officials and mem-

bers of Congress, the FBI's affidavit says.

The federal investigation involving Allen has already ensnared Richard G. Olson, a former ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan who pleaded guilty to federal charges earlier this month, and Imaad Zuberi, a prolific political donor now serving a 12-year prison sentence on corruption charges. Several members of Congress have also been interviewed.

Brookings, one of the most prestigious think tanks in the U.S., had initially hired Allen as a senior fellow before tapping him as president in late 2017 and paying him more than \$1 million a year, according to recent tax records.

"The integrity and objectivity of Brookings's scholarship constitute the institution's principal assets, and Brookings seeks to maintain high ethical standards in all its operations," the think tank said in its statement Sunday. Qatar has long been a major financial backer of Brookings, though Allen decided in 2019 to stop taking any new donations from the country. Qatari officials have not responded to requests for comment about the Allen investigation. □

## Rudy Giuliani faces ethics charges over Trump election role

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Rudy Giuliani, one of Donald Trump's primary lawyers during the then-president's failed efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election, must now answer to professional ethics charges, the latest career slap after law license suspensions in New York and the District of Columbia.

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the disciplinary branch of the District of Columbia Bar, filed the charges against the former federal prosecutor and New York mayor alleging that he promoted unsubstantiated voter fraud claims in Pennsylvania. The action was filed June 6 and became public Friday.

At issue are claims Giuliani

made in supporting a Trump campaign lawsuit seeking to overturn the election results in Pennsylvania. That suit, which sought to invalidate as many as 1.5 million mail-in ballots, was dismissed by courts.

The counsel's office said Giuliani's conduct violated Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct "in that he brought a proceeding and asserted issues therein without a non-frivolous basis in law and fact for doing so" and "that he engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice."

The counsel asked that the D.C. Court of Appeals Board on Professional Responsibility take up the matter. Giuliani has 20 days

to respond, according to the filing. An attempt Saturday to reach a lawyer for Giuliani was unsuccessful. The step is the latest against Giuliani for his role in Trump's debunked claims that the 2020 presidential election was fraudulent.

Last June, an appeals court suspended him from practicing law in New York because he made false statements while trying to get courts to overturn Trump's loss. An attorney disciplinary committee had asked the court to suspend his license on the grounds that he had violated professional conduct rules as he promoted theories that the election was stolen through fraud.

The D.C. Bar temporar-



Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani speaks during a news conference June 7, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

ily suspended him last July although the practical implication of that action is questionable, given that Giuliani's law license in Washington has been inactive since 2002. News of the

counsel's action follows the first public hearing by the House committee investigating the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. Giuliani met for hours with the committee last month. □

## Patriot Front leader among those arrested near Idaho Pride

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST  
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**Associated Press**

After the arrest of more than two dozen members of a white supremacist group near a northern Idaho pride event, including one identified as its founder, LGBTQ advocates said Sunday that polarization and a fraught political climate are putting their community increasingly at risk.

The 31 Patriot Front members were arrested with riot gear after a tipster reported seeing people loading up into a U-Haul like "a little army" at a hotel parking lot in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, police said.

Among those booked into jail on misdemeanor charges of conspiracy to riot was Thomas Ryan Rousseau of Grapevine, Texas, who has been identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as the 23-year-old who founded the group after the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017. No attorney was immediately listed for him and phone numbers associated with him went unanswered Sunday.

Also among the arrestees was Mitchell F. Wagner, 24, of Florissant, Missouri, who



**Authorities arrest members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho pride event Saturday, June 11, 2022, after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear.**

**Associated Press**

was previously charged with defacing a mural of famous Black Americans on a college campus in St. Louis last year.

Michael Kielty, Wagner's attorney, said Sunday that he had not been provided information about the charges. He said Patriot Front did not have a reputation for violence and that the case could be a First Amend-

ment issue. "Even if you don't like the speech, they have the right to make it," he said.

Patriot Front is a white supremacist neo-Nazi group whose members perceive Black Americans, Jews and LGBTQ people as enemies, said Jon Lewis, a George Washington University researcher who specializes in homegrown violent ex-

tremism.

Their playbook, Lewis said, involves identifying local grievances to exploit, organizing on platforms like the messaging app Telegram and ultimately showing up to events marching in neat columns, in blue- or white-collared-shirt uniforms, in a display of strength.

Though Pride celebrations have long been picketed

by counterprotesters citing religious objections, they haven't historically been a major focus for armed extremist groups. Still, it isn't surprising, given how anti-LGBTQ rhetoric has increasingly become a potent rallying cry in the far-right online ecosystem, Lewis said. "That set of grievances fits into their broader narratives and shows their ability to mobilize the same folks against the enemy over and over and over again," he said.

The arrests come amid a surge of charged rhetoric around LGBTQ issues and a wave of state legislation aimed at transgender youth, said John McCrostie, the first openly gay man elected to the Idaho Legislature. In Boise this week, dozens of Pride flags were stolen from city streets.

"Whenever we are confronted with attacks of hate, we must respond with the message from the community that we embrace all people with all of our differences," McCrostie said in a text message. Sunday also marked six years since the mass shooting that killed 49 people at the Orlando LGBTQ club Pulse, said Troy Williams with Equality Utah in Salt Lake City. □

## Tundra wildfire creeps closer toward Alaska Native community



This June 10, 2022, aerial photo provided by the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service shows a tundra fire burning near the community of St. Mary's, Alaska.

**Associated Press**

By MARK THIESSEN  
**Associated Press**

A tundra wildfire continued to creep closer to an Alaska Native community in southwest Alaska, but mandatory evacuations have

not been ordered, fire officials said Sunday. The East Fork fire was within 3.5 miles (5.6 kilometers) of St. Mary's, a statement from Alaska Wildland Fire Information said.

Even though it had moved 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers) closer to the Yup'ik community since Saturday, fire managers said the progress has slowed somewhat because of favorable weather conditions. The temperatures were slightly cooler with rising humidity, which could help moderate fire conditions. However, winds are expected to remain steady out of the north, helping move the fire toward populated areas. The fire is burning in dry grass and shrubs like alder and willow in the mostly treeless tundra in southwest Alaska. The fire was started by lightning May 31. Firefighters are working to strengthen primary and secondary fire lines protecting St. Mary's and the

nearby communities of Pitkas Point and Mountain Village and properties, including cabins, between them. No structures have been lost in the fire.

The fire is also 10 miles (16 kilometers) from another community, Pilot Station. Firefighters were expected to evaluate options of opening a preexisting fire line around that community. Another fire northwest of the East Fork fire is growing, but it still about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Mountain Village.

There are 204 personnel working the East Fork fire, which has grown to 190 square miles (492 square kilometers). Additional personnel are expected to arrive Monday, when even more favorable weather

conditions are also expected, including increased cloud cover, higher humidity and cooler temperatures. Officials also said the front may switch the wind direction to the southwest, which would help push the fire away from villages.

Even though there are no mandatory evacuations, the combined 700 residents of St. Mary's and Pitkas Point, located about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south, have been on alert since Friday to prepare for possible evacuation.

Nearly 150 residents from the affected communities have already temporarily relocated to the southwest Alaska hub community of Bethel. St. Mary's is located about 450 miles (724 kilometers) west of Anchorage. □

# China accuses U.S. of trying to 'hijack' support in Asia

**Associated Press**

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — China's defense minister accused the United States on Sunday of trying to "hijack" the support of countries in the Asia-Pacific region to turn them against Beijing, saying Washington is seeking to advance its own interests "under the guise of multilateralism."

Defense Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe lashed out at U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, rejecting his "smearing accusation" the day before at the Shangri-La Dialogue that China was causing instability with its claim to the self-governing island of Taiwan and its increased military activity in the area.

Austin had stressed the need for multilateral partnerships with nations in the Indo-Pacific, which Wei suggested was an attempt to back China into a corner.

"No country should impose its will on others or bully others under the guise of multilateralism," he said. "The strategy is an attempt to build an exclusive small group in the name of a free and open Indo-Pacific to hijack countries in our region and target one specific country — it is a strategy to create conflict and confrontation to contain and encircle others."

China has been rapidly modernizing its military and seeking to expand its influence and ambitions in the region, recently signing a security agreement with the Solomon Islands that many fear could lead to a Chinese naval base in the Pacific, and break-



**China's Defense Minister General Wei Fenghe speaks at a plenary session during the 19th International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-la Dialogue, Asia's annual defense and security forum, in Singapore, Sunday, June 12, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

ing ground this past week on a naval port expansion project in Cambodia that could give Beijing a foothold in the Gulf of Thailand. Last year U.S. officials accused China of testing a hypersonic missile, a weapon harder for missile defense systems to counter, but China insisted it had been a "routine test of a spacecraft."

Answering a question about the test on Sunday, Wei came the closest so far to acknowledging it was, indeed, a hypersonic missile, saying, "As for hypersonic weapons, many countries are developing weapons and I think there's no surprise that China is doing so."

"China will develop its military," he added. "I think it's natural."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken last month said China represented the "most serious long-term challenge to the international order" for the United States, with its claims to Taiwan and efforts to dominate the strategic South China Sea.

The U.S. and its allies have responded with so-called freedom of navigation patrols in the South China Sea and Taiwan Strait, sometimes encountering a push-back from China's military. Wei accused the U.S. of "meddling in the affairs of our region" with the patrols, and "flexing the muscles by sending warships and warplanes on a rampage in the South China Sea."

China has squared off with the Philippines and Vietnam, among others, over

maritime claims and Wei said it was up to the countries in the region to find their own solutions.

"China calls for turning the South China Sea into a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation," he said. "This is the shared wish and responsibility of countries in the region."

Taiwan and China split during a civil war in 1949, but China claims the island as its own territory, and has not ruled out the use of military force to take it, while maintaining it is a domestic political issue.

Washington follows a "one-China" policy, which recognizes Beijing but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei. It provides arms to Taiwan and follows a "strategic ambiguity" approach about

how far it would be willing to go to defend Taiwan in the face of a Chinese invasion. At the same time, it does not support Taiwanese independence.

President Joe Biden raised eyebrows and China's pique last month saying that the U.S. would intervene militarily if Taiwan were attacked, though the White House later said the comments did not reflect a policy shift.

Austin on Saturday accused China of threatening to change the status quo on Taiwan with a "steady increase in provocative and destabilizing military activity" near the island.

Wei fired back Sunday that the U.S. was not adhering to its "one-China" policy, saying "it keeps playing the Taiwan card against China."

He said China's "greatest wish" was "peaceful reunification" with Taiwan, but also made clear Beijing was willing to do whatever it took to realize its goals.

"China will definitely realize its reunification," he said. "China's reunification is a great cause of the Chinese nation, and it is a historical trend that no one and no force can stop."

He added that China would "resolutely crush any attempt to pursue Taiwan independence."

"We will not hesitate to fight, we will fight at all costs and we will fight to the very end," he said. "This is the only choice for China."

Wei and Austin met one-on-one on Saturday, and Taiwan featured prominently in their discussions, according to the U.S. □

## Hot air brings Spain its 1st withering heat wave of year

**MADRID (AP)** — Spain's weather service says a mass of hot air from North Africa brought the country's first major heat wave of the year Sunday, with temperatures expected to reach 43 degrees Celsius (109.4 degrees Fahrenheit) in some places.

The Aemet weather agency said the hottest areas would be in central and southwestern Spain. The heat wave is expected to last at least until Wednesday, the agency said. The 43-degree (109.4-degree) weather was forecast for the southern cities

of Seville, Cordoba and Badajoz.

Meteorologists said the temperature in Madrid could hit 38 degrees Celsius (100.4 F), well above average for early June. The forecasted high in coastal Barcelona was 32 degrees Celsius (89.6 F). □



**People drink from a public fountain in downtown Madrid, Spain, Sunday, June 12, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

## Venezuelan leader, Iranian president sign 20-year agreement

By AMIR VAHDAT  
Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro and Iran's hard-line president signed a 20-year cooperation agreement Saturday, a day after Maduro praised the Islamic Republic for sending badly needed fuel to his nation despite U.S. sanctions.

In an interview with President Maduro after his arrival in Tehran for a two-day visit, Iranian state media reported late Friday that Maduro hailed Iran's move to send fuel tankers to his energy-hungry nation.

"Tehran's delivery of oil to Caracas was a great help to the Venezuelan people," he said.

Maduro's first visit to Iran comes amid tensions across the Middle East over the collapse of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers. U.S. sanctions and rising global food prices are choking Iran's ailing economy, putting further pressure on its government and its people.

A high-ranking political and economic delegation from Venezuela — which like Iran is under heavy U.S. sanctions — is accompanying Maduro on his visit, following an invitation from



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, right, speaks in a joint news briefing with his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Associated Press

hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi.

In a joint press conference Saturday, Raisi and Maduro signed a 20-year agreement to expand ties in the oil and petrochemical industries, the military and the economy.

Iranian English-language PressTV quoted Maduro before the news conference as saying the two men would meet to discuss "the need to well inform the Iranian and Venezuelan nations about the

war of sanctions and find ways to counter them with steadfastness."Maduro said Venezuela and Iran are united by "a common vision" on international issues and are both victims of coercive measures by the United States and its allies.

"Caracas and Tehran have shaped the strategy of (a) resistance economy and are working to expand it," he said.

On his website, Khamenei said that the successful experience of the two coun-

tries showed that the only way to face the United States' pressures and wars is "to resist." He thanked Maduro and the people of Venezuela for their resistance, saying that "today, the United States views Venezuela differently."

Maduro is on a Eurasia tour after President Joe Biden decided not to invite him to the Summit of the Americas, which began Thursday. His stops earlier this week included Algeria and Turkey.

Turkey is one of a handful of places around the world — Russia and Iran are among them — where Maduro is welcome amid U.S. sanctions on his country.

Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua were not invited to the summit by the Biden administration due to their authoritarianism and human rights violations. That decision led to Mexico's president announcing he would not attend.

Raisi praised Maduro as a leader "who has shown a policy of fighting against imperialism and has achieved a good position by overcoming sanctions and threats."

Maduro announced that a direct flight between Tehran and Caracas would begin next month.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency later reported that Iran had delivered the oil tanker Aframax-2 to Venezuelan officials, the second of four vessels Iran was contracted to build for the South American country.

Amid rising tensions with the West, Iran has started removing 27 surveillance cameras from nuclear sites across the country, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog said Thursday. □

## Lawmakers from Iraq's biggest bloc resign amid impasse



Populist Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, speaks during a news conference in Najaf, Iraq, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021.

Associated Press

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Dozens of lawmakers who make up the biggest bloc in Iraq's parliament resigned on Sunday amid a prolonged

political impasse, plunging the divided nation into political uncertainty.

The 73 lawmakers from powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's bloc submitted their resignation

based on his request, to protest a persisting political deadlock eight months after general elections were held.

Parliament Speaker Mohammed Halbousi accepted their resignation.

Al-Sadr, a maverick leader remembered for leading an insurgency against U.S. forces after the 2003 invasion, emerged as the winner in the election held in October.

The election was held several months earlier than expected, in response to mass protests that broke out in late 2019, and saw tens of thousands rally against endemic corruption, poor services and unemployment. The vote brought victory for powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr who won

73 out of Parliament's 329 seats, and was a blow for his Iran-backed Shiite rivals, who lost about two-thirds of their seats and have rejected the results.

Al-Sadr has been intent on forming, along with his allies, a majority government that excludes them. But he has not been able to corral enough lawmakers to parliament to get the two-thirds majority needed to elect Iraq's next president — a necessary step ahead of naming the next prime minister and selecting a Cabinet.

Speaker Halbousi tweeted later that he "reluctantly" accepted the resignations based on al-Sadr's wishes and after sincere efforts to discourage him from this step. "For the sake of the

country and the people, he decided to proceed with this decision," he posted.

It was not immediately clear how the resignation of the biggest bloc in parliament would play out. A veteran Iraqi politician expressed concern that the resignations could lead to chaos in the country.

According to Iraqi laws, if any seat in parliament becomes vacant, the candidate who obtains the second highest number votes in their electoral district would replace them.

This would benefit al-Sadr's opponents from the so-called Coordination Framework, a coalition led by Iran-backed Shiite parties, and their allies — something al-Sadr would be unlikely to accept. □



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## Pair's disappearance in Brazil's Amazon tied to 'fish mafia'

By FABIANO MAISONNAVE

ATALAIA DO NORTE, Brazil

(AP) — A main line of police investigation into the disappearance of a British journalist and an Indigenous official in the Amazon points to an international network that pays poor fishermen to fish illegally in Brazil's second-largest Indigenous territory, authorities said.

Freelance journalist Dom Phillips and Indigenous official Bruno Pereira were last seen last Sunday morning near the Javari Valley Indigenous Territory, which sits in an area the size of Portugal bordering Peru and Colombia. The two men were in the Sao Rafael community. They were returning by boat to the nearby city of Atalaia do Norte but never arrived.

After a slow start, the army, the navy, civil defense, state police and Indigenous volunteers have been mobilized in the search. On Saturday, federal police



Army soldiers unload seized fish illegally caught in Atalaia do Norte, Amazonas state, Brazil, Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Associated Press

said they were still analyzing human matter found the day before in the area where they disappeared. No more details were provided.

The scheme is run by local businessmen, who pay fishermen to enter the Javari Valley, catch fish, and deliver it to them. One of the most valuable targets

is the world's largest freshwater fish with scales, the arapaima. It weighs up to 200 kilograms (440 pounds) and can reach 3 meters (10 feet). The fish is sold in

nearby cities, including Leticia, Colombia, Tabatinga, Brazil, and Iquitos, Peru.

The only known suspect in the disappearances is fisherman Amarildo da Costa de Oliveira, also known as Pelado, who is under arrest. According to accounts by Indigenous people who were with Pereira and Phillips, he brandished a rifle at them the day before the pair disappeared. He denies any wrongdoing and said military police tortured him to try to get a confession, his family told the Associated Press..

Pereira, who previously led the local bureau of the government's Indigenous agency, known as FUNAI, has taken part in several operations against illegal fishing. In such operations, as a rule the fishing gear is seized or destroyed, while the fishermen are fined and briefly detained. Only the Indigenous can legally fish in their territories. □

## Venezuelan opposition leader attacked during national tour

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The leader of the U.S.-backed opposition in Venezuela was physically attacked Saturday during a visit to a rural community, according to members of his parallel government, who accused a group of ruling party associates of carrying out the assault.

A photo accompanying the opposition statement shows Juan Guaidó being held back as people gather around him and someone rips his shirt off. The parallel government said the group, which was associated with the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, known as PSUV, "hit and insulted" Guaidó, who is on a tour around the South

American country seeking to unite and organize his party ahead of a planned primary election.

In an Instagram video Saturday night, Guaidó characterized the attack as an "ambush" at a plant nursery in San Carlos, a community about 168 miles (270 kilometers) southwest of Caracas, the capital. But he added that it won't deter him from continuing to be "on the street."

"Those who attacked today, these members or leaders of the regime's party," should accept responsibility for the incident, he said.

PSUV leaders, who traditionally issue statements on social media or state tele-

vision, did not immediately respond.

Last week, Guaidó's supporters were met by a barrage of flying plastic chairs and fisticuffs from allies of President Nicolás Maduro in the western city of Maracaibo.

The U.S. and other nations recognize Guaidó as Venezuela's interim president. They withdrew recognition of Maduro after accusing him of rigging his 2018 reelection as president.

At the time, Guaidó drew enormous crowds of backers into the streets, but much of the momentum has evaporated. His popularity has dropped from about 60% three years ago to under 15% in February.



Opposition leader Juan Guaidó, center, speaks to supporters during a gathering to mark Youth Day, in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

Brian Nichols, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, on Saturday condemned what he described as an "unprovoked attack" on Guaidó.

"This egregious attack risked lives; those responsible for the assault should be brought to justice," he said. □

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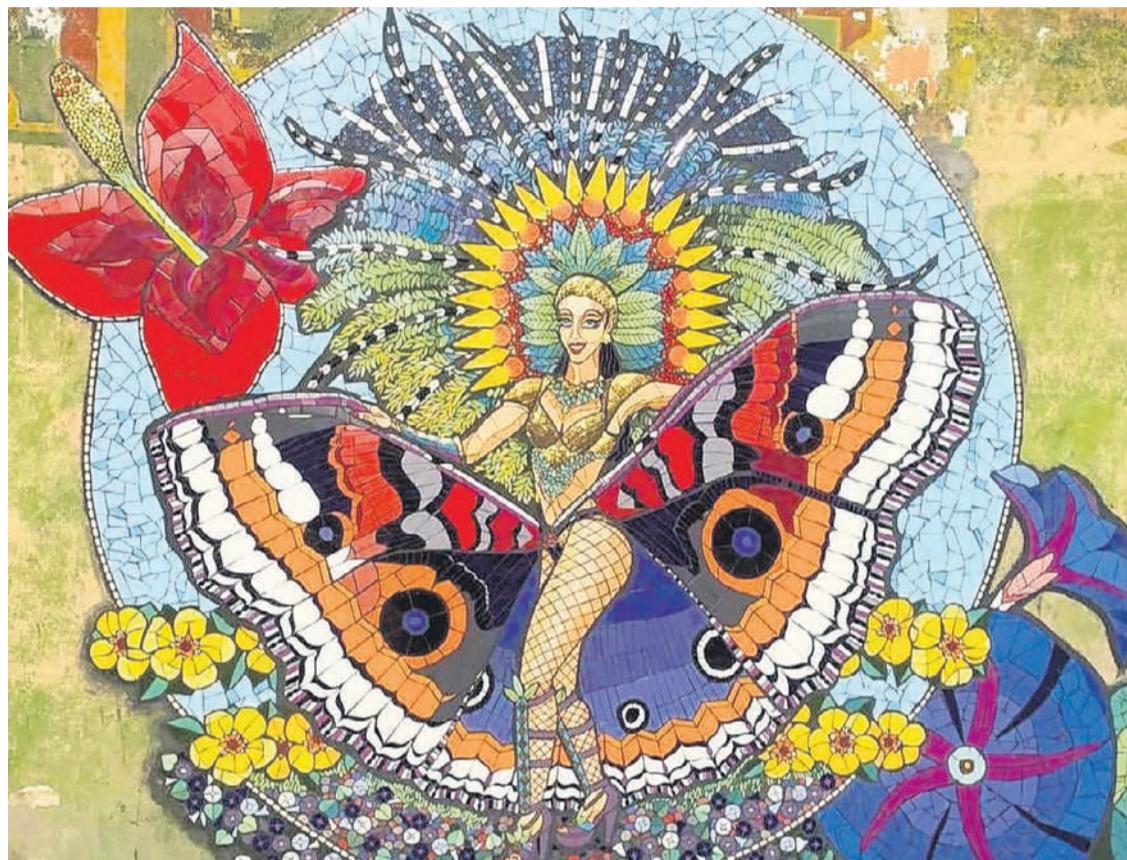
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### Flow of history

If you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another.

The Museum of Industry is

situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barbershop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment. □

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# Several factors are converging to push gas prices higher

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

**DALLAS (AP)** — There is little evidence that gasoline prices, which hit a record \$5 a gallon on Saturday, will drop anytime soon.

Rising prices at the pump are a key driver in the highest inflation that Americans have seen in 40 years.

Everyone seems to have a favorite villain for the high cost of filling up.

Some blame President Joe Biden. Others say it's because Russian President Vladimir Putin recklessly invaded Ukraine. It's not hard to find people, including Democrats in Congress, who accuse the oil companies of price gouging.

As with many things in life, the answer is complicated.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Gasoline prices have been surging since April 2020, when the initial shock of the pandemic drove prices under \$1.80 a gallon, according to government figures.

They hit \$3 in May 2021 and cruised past \$4 this March. On Saturday, the nationwide average for a gallon ticked just above \$5, a record, according to auto club AAA, which has tracked prices for years. The average price jumped 18 cents in the previous week, and was \$1.92 higher than this time last year.

State averages ranged from \$6.43 a gallon in California to \$4.52 in Mississippi.

## WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Several factors are coming together to push gasoline prices higher.

Global oil prices have been rising — unevenly, but sharply overall — since December. The price of international crude has roughly doubled in that time, with the U.S. benchmark rising nearly as much, closing Friday at more than \$120 a barrel.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resulting sanctions by the United States and its allies have contributed to the rise. Russia is a leading oil producer.

The United States is the world's largest oil producer, but U.S. capacity to turn oil into gasoline is down 900,000 barrels of oil per



Gasoline prices are shown at a gas station Thursday, June 9, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

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day since the end of 2019, according to the Energy Department.

Tighter oil and gasoline supplies are hitting as energy consumption rises because of the economic recovery. Finally, Americans typically drive more starting around Memorial Day, adding to the demand for gasoline.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GET MORE OIL?

Analysts say there are no quick fixes; it's a matter of supply and demand, and supply can't be ramped up overnight.

If anything, the global oil supply will grow tighter as sanctions against Russia take hold. European Union leaders have vowed to ban most Russian oil by the end of this year.

The U.S. has already imposed a ban even as Biden acknowledged it would affect American consumers. He said the ban was necessary so that the U.S. does not subsidize Russia's war in Ukraine. "Defending freedom is going to cost," he declared.

The U.S. could ask Saudi Arabia, Venezuela or Iran to help pick up the slack for the expected drop in Russian oil production, but

each of those options carries its own moral and political calculations.

Republicans have called on Biden to help increase domestic oil production — for example, by allowing drilling on more federal lands and offshore, or reversing his decision to revoke a permit for a pipeline that could carry Canadian oil to Gulf Coast refineries. However, many Democrats and environmentalists would howl if Biden took those steps, which they say would undercut efforts to limit climate change.

Even if Biden ignored a big faction of his own party, it would be months or years before those measures could lead to more gasoline at U.S. service stations. At the end of March, Biden announced another tapping of the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to bring down gasoline prices.

The average price per gallon has jumped 77 cents since then, which analysts say is partly because of a refining squeeze.

## WHY IS U.S. REFINING DOWN?

Some refineries that produce gasoline, jet fuel, diesel and other petroleum products shut down during the first year of the pandemic, when demand collapsed. While a few are expected to boost capacity in the next year or so, others are reluctant to invest in new facilities because the transition to electric vehicles will reduce demand for gasoline over the long run.

The owner of one of the nation's largest refineries, in Houston, announced in April that it will close the facility by the end of next year.

## WHO IS HURTING?

Higher energy prices hit

lower-income families the hardest. Workers in retail and the fast-food industry can't work from home — they must commute by car or public transportation.

The National Energy Assistance Directors Association estimates that the 20% of families with the lowest income could be spending 38% of their income on energy including gasoline this year, up from 27% in 2020.

## WHEN WILL IT END?

It could be up to motorists themselves — by driving less, they would reduce demand and put downward pressure on prices.

"There has got to be some point where people start cutting back, I just don't know what the magic point is," said Patrick De Haan, an analyst for the gas-shopping app GasBuddy. "Is it going to be \$5? Is it going to be \$6, or \$7? That's the million-dollar question that nobody knows."

## HOW ARE DRIVERS COPING?

On Saturday morning at a BP station in Brooklyn, New York, computer worker Nick Schaffzin blamed Putin for the \$5.45 per gallon he was shelling out and said he will make sacrifices to pay the price.

"You just cut back on some other things — vacations, discretionary stuff, stuff that's nice to have but you don't need," he said. "Gas you need."

At the same station, George Chen said he will have to raise the prices he charges his customers for film production to cover the gas he burns driving around New York City. He acknowledged that others aren't so fortunate.

"It's going to be painful for people who don't get pay increases right away," he said. "I can only imagine the families who can't afford it."q

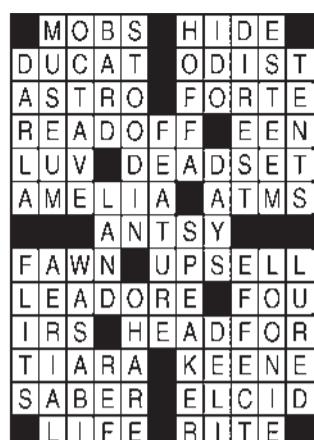
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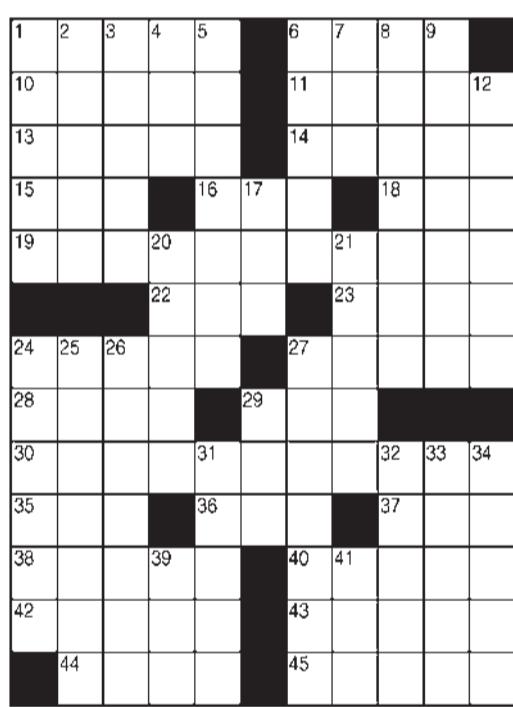
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## Navajo mystery series 'Dark Winds' seeks true storytelling



This image released by AMC shows Zahn McClarnon in a scene from "Dark Winds."

Associated Press

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert

Redford and George R.R. Martin are the big names behind "Dark Winds," but they're not the most important.

That distinction belongs to the Native American creators and actors who ensured the AMC mystery series rings true to the Native experience and enduring culture, which largely has been snubbed or recklessly caricatured by Hollywood. This time the storytelling is "an inside job," said director Chris Eyre, resulting in what he describes as a "Native American, Southwestern film noir."

Based on Tony Hillerman's admired novels featuring Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee of the Navajo Tribal Police, AMC's "Dark Winds" puts the newly teamed lawmen on a double-murder case that could be linked to a brazen armored-car heist.

The investigation and what underlies it is gripping but, as with Hillerman's books, what distinguishes "Dark Winds" is its intricate blend of nuanced characters and relationships, spiritual traditions and the devas-

tating toll of entrenched inequality.

The last aspect is painfully illustrated by a midwife's warning to a pregnant woman to avoid a hospital birth or risk unwanted sterilization, a reflection of what Native Americans faced in the series' 1970s setting, the producers said. (A 1976 U.S. General Accounting Office study found that women under 21 were being sterilized despite a moratorium, among other issues.)

"A lot of our history is based on oral tradition, said Zahn McClarnon, who stars as Lt. Leaphorn. "We've been telling our stories for thousands of years....I think that the television business is finally seeing that, and realizing that we have our own stories, and that they're rich, deep stories."

"Dark Winds," debuting Sunday on AMC (9 p.m. EDT) and on streaming service AMC+, is imbued with the stark grandeur of New Mexico, where it's largely set and was shot.

"In the daytime, the landscape is just beautiful. In the nighttime, it turns into something else, it becomes intimidating that there's so much land out there," said

Eyre. "That's what the series is about, this beautiful paradox of this world we haven't seen before, this mystery."

The series counts actor-filmmaker Redford and Martin, of "Game of Thrones" book and TV fame, among its executive producers. Viewers may recall a 2002 miniseries featuring Leaphorn and Chee, which Redford produced. Martin is new to the mix but not to Hillerman's work — both New Mexico residents, they were part of a writers' circle that met regularly in Albuquerque. The PBS series, "Skinwalkers: The Navajo Mysteries," made before authenticity gained serious traction in Hollywood, was notable for its Native American cast and a Native director — Eyre, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, who shared directing duties.

But "Dark Winds" also boasts a nearly all Native writing staff, with one exception. Eyre ("Friday Night Lights," "Smoke Signals") directed the full series, and creator and executive producer Graham Roland is Chickasaw.

The cast features prominent Native actors including McClarnon ("Fargo," "Longmire"); Kiowa Gordon ("The Twilight Saga" franchise) as Chee; Jessica Matten as police Sgt. Bernadette Manuelito, and Deanna Allison as Leaphorn's wife, Emma.

Their resumes and performances refute longstanding industry complaints about a lack of experienced Native actors.

"I've heard that excuse before," said Roland. "What we found when we went about casting this was the Native talent pool is a lot deeper than even I realized....Everybody in the show is amazing."

Roland ("Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," "Fringe") was connected with the proposed series in 2019, before the recent boomlet of Native-inclusive shows including "Reservation Dogs" and "Rutherford Falls." □

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## New restrictions on ships to protect whales coming soon

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — Federal authorities spent the past few years analyzing rules for the shipping industry and are now close to releasing fresh guidelines to help protect a vanishing species of whale.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has been reviewing the speed regulations it uses to protect North Atlantic right whales, and according to spokesperson Alison Ferreira, the agency will publish new proposed rules within the coming weeks. A public comment process would follow.

Environmentalists have long pushed for stricter shipping rules to protect the whales, which number less than 340 and are vulnerable to collisions with large ships. They've fallen in population in recent years due to high mortality and poor reproduction.

"Those are the two primary threats to the species - entanglement in fishing gear and vessel strikes," said Kristen Monsell, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity.

The new rules could expand existing protections for the whales, which are currently protected by a network of "slow zones," requiring mariners to transit slowly to avoid whale collisions.

Some slow zones are mandatory while others are voluntary. Conservationists have long sought for them all to be mandatory, and for more of them. Some have also urged NOAA to apply the rules to ships under 65 feet (19.8 meters) in length, which is the current cutoff.

More than 50 of the whales were struck by ships between spring 1999 and spring 2018, NOAA records

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A North Atlantic right whale feeds on the surface of Cape Cod bay off the coast of Plymouth, Mass., March 28, 2018.

indicate. The collisions aren't always fatal, but wildlife advocates have cautioned that sub-lethal collisions can result in the whales becoming less likely to reproduce.

Shipping associations have cautioned NOAA over the years to make sure speed rules don't create unsafe conditions at sea.

Ferreira said any changes would "be based on the best available information and completed through public notice and comment."

The whales were once abundant off the East Coast, but they were decimated during the era of commercial whaling. They have been listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act for over 50 years.

The whales feed off New England and Canada and migrate to the waters off Georgia and Florida to give birth. They've been aided by the protected zones for years, but scientists have said warming ocean temperatures are causing

whales to stray more frequently into shipping lanes in search of food. □

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## Henderson beats Weaver-Wright in playoff in ShopRite LPGA

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J.

(AP) — Brooke Henderson closed with a 7-under 64 a year ago in the ShopRite LPGA Classic and finished second.

The 24-year-old Canadian matched the final-round performance in the event this year, and still had work to do. This time she got the job done Sunday after overcoming a four-shot deficit.

Henderson eagled the first playoff hole to beat Lindsey Weaver-Wright for her 11th tour victory and first this year.

"I just was trying to go low and see what happens," Henderson said. "I didn't think — I mean, I thought the victory was a possibility, but there are a lot of really talented players ahead of me and I think I was four shots back starting the day. "I knew it was going to take a little bit of magic, and I'm just really happy that I'm sitting here next to the trophy."

The real magic was her second shot in the playoff on the par-5, No. 18 at the Seaview Hotel and Golf Club. She hit a 7-wood from 193 yards within 10 feet. She has used the same club to set up an eagle at No. 9 earlier in the day.

Weaver-Wright, a 28-year-old American still looking



Brooke M. Henderson, of Canada, holds the trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf tournament, Sunday, June 12, 2022, in Galloway, N.J.

Associated Press

for her first tour win, forced the playoff with birdies on four of the last six holes, including a long one at No. 17 and a 10-footer at the par-5 final hole for a 65.

Weaver-Wright found the fairway in the playoff but her second shot was short of the green. Her third shot landed around the same distance from the hole as Henderson, but she was away. She missed her birdie putt and Henderson, ranked No. 11 in the world, had no pressure making the eagle to win to pocket

\$262,500.

"I've always loved a victory and never tried to take them for granted, but with the pandemic in 2020 I only played 10 events, and I think I had six top 10s but no victory," Henderson said. "So that was a little bit of a -- it shook the confidence a little bit."

Henderson, who finished second in the opening event on tour this year, seems to have her confidence back.

While disappointed, Weaver-Wright was encouraged

by her performance this week.

"It's everything, especially because I haven't been playing that great this year," she said. "I mean, solo second, my best finish ever on the LPGA. It's my fifth year out here. Like it's a huge milestone for me. I'm just excited for the summer now."

Henderson, whose last victory was in Los Angeles in 2021, moved into the lead with a short birdie at No. 12. She stayed there until Weaver-Wright birdied the

17th.

Playing in the group in front of her, Henderson reached the par-5 final hole in two and lagged her eagle putt to tap-in birdie range.

Weaver-Wright matched the birdie despite missing the fairway, sinking a 10-footer.

Jodi Eward Shadoff of England made an eagle on the final hole to finish a shot behind the leaders at 11 under.

She shot 67,

"I feel like I managed my emotions out there being in contention, and just a really good experience going into the rest of the season," said the 34-year-old who has never won on the tour.

No. 4 Lydia Ko also made a birdie on the final hole and tied for fourth with Albane Valenzuela, a Swiss resident and former Stanford star looking for her first LPGA Tour win. They both shot 67s.

Brittany Lincicome, who is due to give birth to her second child in September, tied for sixth with New Jersey native Marina Alex and Nasa Hataoka, who both won recently in California. Lincicome and Alex shot 67s, a stroke better than Hataoka, who opened with four birdies on the first five holes to take an early two-shot lead. □

## Toyota dominates again to win 5th straight 24 Hours Le Mans



Australia's Ryan Briscoe, Britain's Richard Westbrook and France's Franck Mailleux spray Champagne after finishing third in their Glickenhaus Racing 007 in the 24-Hour Le Mans endurance race in Le Mans, western France, Sunday June 12, 2022.

Associated Press

LE MANS, France (AP) — Toyota won the 24 Hours

Le Mans in the classic endurance race for the fifth

straight time, with the No. 8 car finishing ahead of the No. 7 in another dominant performance on Sunday.

New Zealander Brendan Hartley had clinched pole position and was at the wheel as Toyota Gazoo's No. 8 completed the race in sunny and warm conditions, with teammates Sébastien Buemi and Ryo Hirakawa watching from the team garage.

Swiss driver Buemi has won the race four times while Hartley clinched his third win, and second for Toyota after his first victory with Porsche in 2017. Both had modest Formula One careers.

Dane Tom Kristensen holds the records with nine wins.

Hirakawa secured his first victory to join Japanese countrymen Kazuki Nakajima (3 wins) and Kamui Kobayashi (1) as winners in the famed race, which was first held in 1923.

Jose Maria Lopez of Argentina followed a couple of minutes behind for Toyota's No. 7 at the Circuit de la Sarthe in northwestern France.

Lopez was joined by Kobayashi and British driver Mike Conway, his teammates when No. 7 won last year to underline how Toyota has broken the stranglehold of Audi and Porsche. After a calm night, Toyota experienced a rare blip when the No. 8 punctured with Buemi at the wheel at

around 7:30 a.m. and 15 minutes later Lopez stalled and needed an electrical reset, costing one lap.

Ryan Briscoe closed out the race as the Glickenhaus 007 car finished in third place, five laps behind the winners.

American Josh Pierson became the youngest driver to participate at 16 years old, 188 days — making him slightly younger than fellow 16-year-old Matt McMurry was in 2014.

Pierson drove 97 laps as he shared duties on the United Autosports USA team driving an Oreca 07 with Oliver Jarvis and Alex Lynn, finishing sixth in the LM P2 category. □

## Carpenter hammers Cubs; 2 HRs, 7 RBIs in Yanks' 18-4 rout

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**NEW YORK (AP)**—Matt Carpenter homered twice and tied his career high with seven RBIs, powering the New York Yankees to complete a weekend sweep of the Chicago Cubs with a 18-4 rout on Sunday for their 11th win in 12 games. The 36-year-old was signed on May 26 after spending the first seven weeks at Texas' Triple-A Round Rock. A three-time All-Star with St. Louis coming off three straight seasons of decline, Carpenter became the second player since 1900 to hit six home runs in his first 10 games for a team after Colorado's Trevor Story in 2016.

Carpenter drew a tying bases-loaded walk as New York chased Keegan Thompson in a five-run first and hit a three-run homer off Daniel Norris for an 8-1 lead in the second. He added a two-run drive against Alec Mills in the sixth for his first multihomer game in four years and an RBI double in the seventh against Sean Newcomb. Carpenter is hitting .333 with 13 RBIs, quickly becoming a clubhouse and fan favorite known for a gritty look with thick eye black. Carpenter shaved his longtime beard to comply with Yankees rules on facial hair but kept a mustache — joining pitcher Nestor Cortes. Their style inspired Marwin Gonzalez and Lucas Luetge to give mustaches a try. His matched his seven RBIs against the Cubs in July 2018, when he had his only three-homer game. He played flawlessly at third base with two assists in his first big league game in the field this year.

Kyle Higashioka added his first two home runs of the season, after hitting seven in spring training. He was given the silent treatment when he got back to the dugout after his third-inning drive off Norris, then homered in the eighth off Frank Schwindel, usually a first baseman.

Carpenter and Higashioka

were late additions to the lineup because second baseman Gleyber Torres felt nausea and catcher Jose Trevino had back pain.

Giancarlo Stanton and Isiah Kiner-Falefa had three RBIs each as the Yankees scored their most runs since beating Toronto 20-6 on Sept. 15, 2020. New York had a season-high 17 hits. Chicago's six-game losing streak is its longest this year, dropping the Cubs a season-worst 13 games under .500 at 23-36.

New York opened a 10-1 lead in the third, batted around twice and swept its seventh series this season. The Yankees outscored Chicago 28-5 in the three-

game series and improved to 15-4 against the Cubs, 23-4 including World Series sweeps in 1932 and '38. The Cubs have been wiped out in the Bronx, going 0-12. New York is a major league-best 44-16 and has won 11 straight home games, one shy of its most since new Yankee Stadium opened in 2009.

The Yankees have allowed a big league-low 180 runs, their fewest through 60 games.

Jameson Taillon (7-1) remained unbeaten in his last 11 starts, giving up three runs and seven hits in five innings. He escaped a bases-loaded jam by getting Schwindel on a flyout that ended the fifth.



New York Yankees' Matt Carpenter celebrates after hitting a two-run home run in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Sunday, June 12, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

Manny Bañuelos pitched three innings for his first big league save. Thompson (6-2) left the mound feeling as blue as his unusually colored glove. He allowed five runs — three earned — three hits and three walks while getting two outs and throwing 19 of 37 pitches for strikes. His ERA has risen from 1.99 to 3.67 in his last two starts. Thompson and Norris walked six in the first two innings, and all six scored. □

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